



ST MONICA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Strive to succeed in the presence of God

Important dates

Fri 13th September - World Afro Day (workshop in school).
Sat 14th September - 12-4pm – School Open day for 70th anniversary.
Fri 20th September - Happy Bag Collection before school (send in unwanted clothes etc for recycling).
w/c 23rd September - cycle to school week.
Fri 27th September – 9.15am – Macmillan Coffee morning
Tues 1st Oct – Month of the Holy Rosary begins – decade of the Rosary prayed daily at 8.50am at front of school.
Wednesday 2nd October - INSET Day (school closed).
Thurs 3rd October - Harvest Festival (send £1 for food bank).
Fri 18th October - show racism the red card – wear red to school.

How to help at home

Encourage your child to read at home and where possible hear them read and discuss their reading with them.

Check that they have completed their homework.
Encourage them to play on TT Rockstars to develop their times tables knowledge.

General Information

Please check with your child that their pencil case contains the following: pencil, eraser, blue ballpoint pen (not a fountain/ink pen), glue stick (not coloured), sharpener, coloured pencils, felt tips, highlighters (green, blue and yellow) and a whiteboard pen (black or blue).

We would really appreciate it if you could send in a box of tissues and some kitchen towels for the classroom if you have not done so already.

Please remember that the only jewellery allowed are stud earrings and they must be removed if possible on PE days. If they cannot be removed, then they must be covered with tape before the start of the lesson.

RE

Creation and Covenant

We will describe the work of a Christian or Catholic scientist who has contributed to the scientific understanding of the beginnings of the universe (e.g., Mendel, Lemaitre, Blundell), recognising that many scientists are Christians and they do not see any conflict between their faith and science.

We will describe what a covenant is, recognizing that God made several covenants throughout history. eg Noah, Abraham, Moses.

Useful websites

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/zbr9wmn> - resources to support across all subject areas
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> - times table game
<https://nrich.maths.org/8960> - maths challenges
<https://www.grammar-monster.com/> - grammar lessons and games

Year 5
Autumn 1 2024

English

Our class book is 'Shackleton's Journey' by William Grill
We will:

- write a diary entry
- write a biography of Ernest Shackleton

Science

Our topic this half term is 'Earth and Space'.
Children will be learning about:

- ~ Spherical bodies
- ~ The planets
- ~ Geocentric vs heliocentric
- ~ Day and night
- ~ The movement of the moon

PE

Indoor PE – Dance – formations in historical dance.
Outdoor PE – Net and Wall Games: Developing individual shots.

History

The children will complete 'Cordoba: city of light' from Year 4. Our new topic is 'The Round City: Baghdad' and we will learn about the building of Baghdad and why the location was the perfect place in the Islamic world.

Music

Children will have a weekly lesson with Mr Charles-Nelson. The topic is "Patterns That Fit Together".

French

Children will have a weekly French lesson. The topic is "The Date"

RHE

Religious Understanding

Children will consider experiences of change, growth and development, and the trust that they can have in the person of Jesus through times of trial and tribulation.

Maths

Place Value
Addition and Subtraction
Multiplication and Division

Art

Painting and mixed-media portraits.

Geography

We will complete 'Deserts' from Year 4
Our new topic is 'Why is California so thirsty?'.
In this unit we will focus on California, where there is not enough water and the reason for this.

Computing

Computing systems and networks: Search engines

- research skills and finding accurate information.

E-Safety

- online protection - understand how apps can access personal information and how to alter the permissions.